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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* application of:

Richard Cawthon

Serial No. 10/543,111

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For: *Methods of Predicting Mortality Risk  
by Determining Telomere Length*

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop MISSING PARTS  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to correct typographical errors in the Specification and Figures.

Please amend the identified application above as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FIGURES** begin on page 3.

**REMARKS** begin on page 4.